

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 2006-394-C - ORDER NO. 2007-137
FEBRUARY 28, 2007

IN RE: Application of Piedmont Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc. for Approval of an Alternative Regulation Plan Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-9-576.) ORDER ON
) ALTERNATIVE
) REGULATION PLAN
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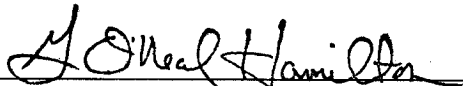
This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (“the Commission”) on Piedmont Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc.’s (“Piedmont Rural”) Application for an Alternative Regulation Plan, filed pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-9-576.

Piedmont Rural has elected to have the rates, terms, and conditions of its services determined pursuant to the alternative regulation plan described in S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-9-576(B). Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-9-576(A), any local exchange carrier (LEC) may elect to have the rates, terms, and conditions of its services determined pursuant to the alternative regulation plan described in S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-9-576(B), provided that the Commission has approved a local interconnection agreement in which the local exchange carrier (“LEC”) is a participant with an entity determined by the Commission not to be affiliated with the LEC. By affidavit, Randal Odom, Chief Financial Officer of Piedmont Rural, certified that it is not affiliated with Charter Fiberlink SC-CCO, LLC, with whom Piedmont Rural has an interconnection agreement. The Commission approved that interconnection agreement at its regular

agenda session on August 30, 2006.¹ Accordingly, we hold that Piedmont Rural and Charter Fiberlink SC-CCO are not affiliated and that Piedmont Rural's election of an alternative regulation plan pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-9-576(B) is effective as of January 12, 2007.

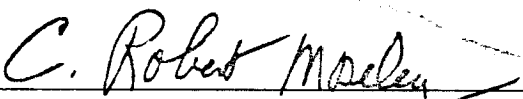
This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:



G. O'Neal Hamilton, Chairman

ATTEST:



C. Robert Moseley, Vice Chairman

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¹ See Commission Docket No. 2006-142-C.